

Use the Online Documentation

INTRODUCTION

The EnSight online documentation consists of two main pieces:

How To Manual

The How To documentation consists of relatively short articles that describe how to perform a specific operation in EnSight, such as change the color of an object or create an isosurface. Step-by-step instructions and pictures of relevant dialogs are included. In addition, each How To article typically contains numerous hyperlinks (colored blue) to other related articles (and relevant sections of the User Manual).

Note that, although the entries in the How To table of contents and index are not colored blue, you can still click on an entry and jump to the appropriate document.

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User Manual

The User Manual is a more traditional document providing a detailed reference for EnSight. The User Manual contains blue hyperlinks as well. Both the User Manual table of contents and index entries are hotlinked as well as cross-reference entries within chapters (which typically start with "See Section ..." or "See How To ...").

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Command Language

Manual

The Command Language Reference Manual documents command language used within EnSight. This manual contains some cross-references to the How To and User Manuals, but cross-referencing from them back is extremely minimal.

Getting Started Manual The Getting Started Manual, which contains installation instructions and a number of examples of using EnSight, is also provided on line. This manual is not crossreferenced with any of the other manuals.

WHERE TO START?

If you are new to EnSight you should read the EnSight Overview article. Chapter 1 and Chapter 5 in the User Manual also provide overview information. The Introduction to Part Creation provides fundamental information on EnSight's part concept.

ACROBAT READER

The EnSight online documentation uses the Acrobat® Reader software from Adobe Systems, Inc. Acrobat Reader provides much the same functionality as a World Wide Web browser while providing greater control over document content quality. See How To Use the How To Manual for more information on Acrobat Reader.





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How to Print the Documentation

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Printing EnSight Manuals

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